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SUBJECT: TURKISH ARMY REQUEST FOR P&B AND P&A DATA

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE TURKISH ARMY
(GROUND FORCES COMMAND-GFC) FOR PLANNING AND BUDGETING
(P&B) AND PLANNING AND AVAILABILITY (P&A) DATA FOR A NUMBER
OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT COMBAT EQUIPMENT. THE FOLLOWING
LIST WAS SUBMITTED TO THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS)
BY GFC AND HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY TGS.
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2. BOTH FMS P&B AND GRANT AID P&A DATA ARE REQUESTED FOR THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT:

A. AH-1S COBRA/TOW ATTACK HELICOPTES; ESTIMATED NUMBER
IS TWELVE.

B. ARMORED INFANTRY FIGHTING VEHICLE, MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMBAT VEHICLE, AND THE M113A1 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER; ESTIMATED NUMBER IS ONE-HUNDRED FIFTY.

C. STINGER, XFIM 92A MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENSE WEAPON; NUMBER IS FIFTY.

3. MISSION COMMENTS ON THE FOREGOING LIST ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GENERAL: GFC IS ATTEMPTING TO MODERNIZE A FORCE WHICH IS PRIMARILY EQUIPPED WITH US MAP-PROVIDED MATERIEL FOR WHICH PECULIAR PARTS ARE NO LONGER SUPPORTABLE THROUGH THE US DOD SUPPLY SYSTEM. TO ACCOMPLISH MODERNIZATION, IT IS NECESSARY TO BALANCE NEW ACQUISITIONS WITH LIFE-OF-TYPE BUYS (LOTB) AND RETROFIT PROGRAMS FOR ON-HAND ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT. THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE IS THAT ACQUISITION OF THE ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT LISTED ABOVE IS BEING PLANNED AGAINST FUNDS TGS HAS TENTATIVELY ALLOCATED TO GFC FROM USG-PROVIDED GRANT AID AND FMS PROJECTED UNDER THE US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) IF THE DCA IS APPROVED BY THE US CONGRESS. TO REVIEW AND EVISE ITS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, GFC REQUIRES UP-TO-DATE COST AND AVAILABILITY DATA. THE PROVISION OF BOTH FMS P&B AND GRANT AID P&A DATA WOULD ENABLE THE GFC TO FORMULATE A REALISTIC AND ATTAINABLE PROGRAM, UTILIZING THE MOST ECONOMICAL MIX OF US GRANT AID AND FMS.

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B. ATTACK HELICOPTERS: AH-1S COBRA/TOW HELICOPTERS ARE DESIRED BY GFC TO COMPLEMENT A PROJECTED TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF 998 TOW LAUNCHERS BY 1992. LAUNCHERS ARE TO BE GROUND, 1/4 TON JEEP, APC AND HELICOPTER MOUNTED. THE TOW LAUNCHER ACQUISITION PROGRAM SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GFC HEAVY ANTI-TANK CAPABILITY AS PART OF A BALANCED NATO AND NATIONAL SECURITY FORCE FACING A POTENTIALLY OVERWHELMING ARMORED THREAT.

C. FIGHTING VEHICLE: THE ARMORED INFANTRY FIGHTING VEHICLE IN WHICH GFC APPEARS TO BE INTERESTED IS THE AIFV MANUFACTURED BY FMC. P&B/P&A DATA FOR THE AIFV, MICV AND M113A1 ARE DESIRED SO THAT ALTERNATIVES MAY BE REVIEWED.

D. PORTABLE AIR DEFENSE WEAPON: THE GFC CURRENTLY HAS A VERY LIMITED AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY. DUE TO NATO INFLUENCE AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE CRITICALITY OF A VIABLE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM, THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES ARE ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE THIS CAPABILITY THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CONCEPT OF ACQUIRING THE STINGER AS THE GFC'S POINT AIR DEFENSE WEAPON CAME FROM NATO PUBLICATIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PROVISION OF BOTH P&B AND P&A DATA FOR
THE ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT SPECIFIED ABOVE.
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